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THE
SWEETS OF DUTCH LIBERTY,
OR THE
FIRST FRUITS OF FRENCH FRATERNITY

Netherlands, United Provinces
HOLLAND. *[Signature]*

A new Version of the two Proclamations issued at the
Hague on the 27th January 1795; one by the French
Commissioners, the other by the States General.

With CUTS, NOTES, PROOFS, &c. &c.

LIBERTY AND INDIVISIBILITY



“With HUGS of FRATERNITY pressing” — See P. 3.

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WHEN the following Proclamations were verified, the Gallico-Batavian Alliance seemed so INDIVISIBLY compacted as to promise perpetual *Hugging* and *Squeezing* : — but as sentiments are apt to change with changing circumstances — and as “*Sine Cerere et Baccho friget Venus*,” or according to our old English proverb, “When Want comes in at the door, Love flies out at the window ;” we may venture to predict (since it is the fashion to prophesy) that the UNITY of the French and Dutch will shortly *fall to pieces*, that their FRATERNITY will be *alienated*, and their INDIVISIBILITY *torn asunder* ; that soon the former will leave the latter to enjoy *by themselves perfect Equality*, and *perfect Liberty*, — the *Equality* of universal Want ; — *the Liberty* of going through the gates of Famine to that Country, wherein “the Servant is for ever free from his Master.”

The intelligence received by the last mails is a much plainer authority for our predictions than any brought in support of modern prophecies : “The ebullitions of joy which were “manifested by the Democratic Party on the first appearance “of the French in Holland are now no longer visible, Every
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"body is dejected, and hardly dares to visit his friends and neigh-
 "bours for fear of being accused of intimacy with suspected persons.
 "A scarcity is already felt every where; and Famine is approach-
 "ing with hasty strides. The Cattle are all driven out of the
 "country to supply the French Army. All the shops are shut
 "up, for this very good reason: *having nothing to sell*; and
 "all trade is consequently suspended. On account of the pre-
 "vailing scarcity of corn, the business of the distilleries is
 "entirely exhausted, and though the Dutchmen have, as some
 "have jocularly observed, got a *general griping*, they cannot
 "even in Holland procure a drop of Gin to relieve them. They,
 "however, entertain hopes as well as wishes for a Change;
 "and it is even surmised that the French themselves are pre-
 "paring to pack up."

Hague 1st April 1795.

"By a Proclamation of the Provisional Representatives of
 "the People of Holland every inhabitant is ordered to furnish
 "in the space of one month all the Gold and Silver Bullion
 "and Plate which he possesses, spoons and forks are excepted."

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PROCLAMATION
OF THE
FRENCH COMMISSIONERS.

EQUALITY, LIBERTY, UNITY,
INDIVISIBILITY and FRATERNITY.

In hopes to get plenty of cheer,*

Now Famine forebodes us a Plague,

We greet our Dutch Brethren — so dear;

The seventh Pluviose, at the Hague.

*Third Year of the French Republic, all One — such a one
(Indivisible too) — as never was known!*

Mynheer States General, (not to alarm ye)

Considering the wants of our Sans-culottes-Army,

And that Freemen must live where'er they get footing,

(For the true RIGHTS OF MAN always favour freebooting)

And wishing Supplies both of Clothes and Provisions

Without the rough means of our old Requisitions;

More pleasing we think it will be to address ye,

And gently with HUGS of FRATERNITY press ye

In the space of one Month, as our friendship you prize,

To get us the following TRIFLING SUPPLIES: —

* See the NOTES.

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Four

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Four hundred thousand Quintals of Wheat,
Five Millions of Rations of Hay ;
That we and our horses may EQUALLY eat,
For WE are no better than THEY.

Our stores and our cannon they valiantly draw,
And trample on tyrants with scorn ;
So two hundred thousand rations of Straw
Must they have, and five millions of bushels of Corn.
And since your Deliverers, feet are all bare,
Of Shoes we must ask for a few ; —
One hundred and fifty thousand strong pair
For the present emergence will do.

No Stockings we wear,
But some of us Boots ;
Of these twenty thousand strong pair
Let us have, and the same number, in suits,
Of Waistcoats and Coats.
And then to compleat your Republican Freedom
Your High Mightinesses
Must alter your dresses
Before we can hail you as true Sans-culottes,
Off — off with those Breeches, —
We'll carry your Riches ; —
And then, good Mynheers, you no longer can need 'em.

Of these we now would have you spare
Only forty thousand pair.

That

That number, we by computation find,
 Will be sufficient to conceal
 Some ignominious marks behind,
 Which many of us still from ENGLISH Powder feel;

Of Pantaloons you'll be so good as spare
 About one hundred fifty thousand pair.

And since in France FINE HOLLAND has been scanty,
 We'll take this opportunity
 Of Dutch and Gallic unity,
 To get of Linen greater plenty : —

Then let not our REQUEST seem strange —

Two hundred thousand Shirts : —

A Stock — that will admit of change,

To wash off Stains, and Filths, and Dirts.

And now to crown all, and to cover our *Tetes*
 We only request fifty thousand new Hats.

These, we deem will be enough,

'Till we pick up a few

Second hand, that will do,

Though seemingly not over clean,

By many good Patriots left off

A la mode Revolutionaire,

(Courage, Mynheers ! — What make you stare ?)

A mode much favour'd by the GUILLOTINE.

One

One trifle, Sirs, we nearly had forgot : —
In TWO MONTHS for ourselves we'll *hoil the pot*.

'Till then we'll live with you,
As fellow Citizens should do,
And be fast friends and steady.
But lest your commons then run short,
(Pray pardon the ungracious thought !)
You'll get — twelve thousand Oxen ready.

These articles perhaps will cost ye
A MILLION sterling : — but what's that ? —
Each MONTH A MILLION won't exhaust ye :
Still you'll be rich, and plump, and fat.

And think what honour we have done ye
In paying you this *friendly visit* ! —
One hundred thousand French now wait upon ye ! —
So great an honour ! — Would you miss it ? —

And now we anxiously expect,
Without delay, or least neglect,
With this REQUEST your prompt compliance,
For trouble would attend defiance,
Our REQUISITIONS would perplex ye : —
And far be it from Us to vex ye !

Your Motions, rather flow in common,
To *quicker time* we fain would summon :
Such as comports with French vivacity
Improving vastly Dutch Capacity.

Doubt

Doubt not our competent Commission
 To call for the above Provision ;
 For doubts about our legal pow'rs
 Might keep us fasting many hours.
 Ourselves we have a right to flatter,
 That weighing properly the matter
 Each Burgher and each Burgomaster
 Will *stir his stumps a little faster*.
 And second without vain dissentions
 All our amicable intentions : —
 Fulfil our wishes, aid our views,
 Nor GENEROSITY abuse.

It seems superfluous to say
 How — for these things, or WHEN to pay. —
 Ducats with you are not yet scanty ;
 And we have *Assignats* in plenty.

When more acquainted with your treasure,
 We'll take each necessary measure
 All in good time — to reimburse ye ;
 And now, as BABES IN GOVERNMENT we'll nurse ye.

N. HAUSSMAN. JOBER. ALGUIER.
 GILLET. ROBERSOR. J. B. LACOSTE.

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

STATES GENERAL,

CONFIRMING THE FOREGOING.

CONVINC'D by arguments most weighty,
 (Such as 'tis needless now to state t' ye)
 How much we're bound to make provision
 To answer this said REQUISITION ; —
 Which our good Friends have term'd REQUEST,
 (So modestly their will's exprest !)
 Our measures must be efficacious,
 Or theirs, though *kind*, may prove *noxious*.

We grant you, these are trimming Orders : —
 But, is not Peace in all our borders ? —
 Are not kind FRENCHMEN come to see us,
 And from EVERY YOKE to free us ?
 Then treat 'em well, and long they'll tarry,
 And teach us — *toutes les modes de Paris*. —
 Teach us, when bitten e'en to Madness
 To cure the Hydrophobia-sadness. —

Teach

Teach us — to make Potato-Bread ;*
 And the best way — to lop a Head, —
 Teach us to gasconade and vapour,
 And, haply how to cut a caper.
 For though we never yet could dance,
 Who knows — WHAT we may learn of FRANCE —
 What we may do without our Coats ? —
 And when we're perfect *Sans-culottes* ? —
 Off — then, with every Galligaskin,
 Nor wait for any farther asking.
 Soon shall we be as slim and slender,
 As General Pichegru, our Defender.

To make the burden less, the way
 Is for the Provinces to pay.
 WE'LL make the contract ; THEY, so kind,
 The necessary Funds shall find.
 The French will take each needful measure,
 In due time to restore the treasure.
 Be sure, each Stiver they'll refund on
 Getting possession of rich LONDON

We, who have taken so much pains
 To break off all your kingly chains,
 Save your Provincial Sovereigns ;
 We, who instead of one Stadtholder
 Give you eight hundred Sov'reigns * — bolder ;

We

* See the NOTES.

We — doubt not but you'll feel conviction,
 This Proclamation is no Fiction. —
 We doubt not but you'll quickly see
 The absolute necessity
 To make your gracious Sov'reigns able
 Our Guests to furnish with a Table ;*
 Give them Beef, Butter, Cheese and Gin : —
 Their Out-sides clothe, and line their In : —
 Nath'less we think it necessary,
 To make you, one and all, most wary
 How you Unwillingness betray,
 Or even make the least delay.
 We'd have you know *They* can distress ye,
 Who now with Hugs Fraternal press ye,
 No ; — rather French good manners aping,
 Smiling, shrugging, bowing, scraping,
 Let ev'ry Dutchman bring his Breeches,
 And ev'ry Province give its Riches.

These Representatives, so dear
 To Us, have whisper'd in our ear,
 And seriously we are persuaded,
 Their Orders may not be evaded ;
 But must within the time appointed
 Be answer'd — or, we're all *arointed* ! *
 In manner most impressive, then,
 Agen, we warn you, and agen :
Yourself

* See the Neraa.

Yourself alone you'll have to blame,
 If by resisting any claim
 (Unmannerly Impertinence!)
 You bring on Force and Violence;
 Revive the embers of Sedition,
 When we would have entire submission.

Whoever, then, has any Wheat,
 Should with French Commissaries treat. —
 Let none devour a bit of bread,
 Till our Deliverers are fed.
 He, that has Corn and Straw and Hay,
 These should produce without delay. —
 The Shoemaker his Boots and Shoes
 To sell — or give must not refuse. —
 The Taylor ev'ry Pantaloons
 That's ready must deliver soon. —
 Coats, Waistcoats, Breeches in a trice
 Will have a reasonable price. —
 Shirts too, and Hats well-cock'd and fiz'd,
 Must be judicially priz'd. —
 Oxen, besides, with quicken'd paces
 Must come to the appointed Places —
 All — all your glad consent express,
 And manifest your readiness.

These hints observ'd a flame may hinder
 That would burn Holland to a cinder.

If you resist these requisitions,
 Or show your grumbling dispositions,
 These Representatives of France
 Against your wills may make you dance,
 And play you many a plaguy new trick,
 As LOUIS did, that liv'd at UTRECHT.*

We too, who have necessities,
 The HIGH and MIGHTY DEPUTIES
 OF DEPUTIES FAR MIGHTIER,
 Should make the Devil of a stir;
 As these our Sov'reigns so much higher
 Might wish, request, or e'en require:
 Shall punish all most rigorously
 Who will not their *true Int'rests* see,
 And ON COMPULSION MAKE THEM FREE.

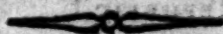
Upon mature deliberation,
 And for the good of this Free Nation,
 Freely resolv'd, freely concluded,
Jan'ry twenty seventh protruded,
 At Hague, where Bee-like Frenchmen hive,
In seventeen hundred, ninety five;
 And sent by their High Mightinesses
 To ev'ry province by expresses.
 To show that here no forg'd abuse is,
 'Tis sign'd, by order,

G. L. ROUSES.

* See the Notes.

In absence of the late Greffier
Who is (we cannot tell you where)
Gone from the Office that he held,
'Tis undersign'd

VAN LEEVELD.



NOTES and ILLUSTRATIONS.



Page 3. l. 3. *In hopes to get plenty of cheer,*] National Convention. 10 February 1795. BOURDON OF OISE. "Can we be in want of provisions, when we are at AMSTERDAM?" (*Warm Applauses.*)

Page 9. l. 1. *Teach us — to make Potato-Bread —*]

Among the various projects, which have lately occupied the National Convention, none seem more important than their Receipts — *to make Potato-Bread*, and — *to cure the bite of a Mad Dog*. Happy would it have been for Europe, had they been always so innocently and usefully employed! Report says, that the Dutch already begin to think themselves bitten; and it is a well-known fact that they showed strong Symptoms of the *Dread of Water*, when the Stadtholder proposed an inundation to prevent the French visit.

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Page 9. l. the last. *Give you eight hundred Sov'reigns — bolder]*
 The States, or Provincial Sovereigns, who are to enforce compliance with these Requisitions, amount to no less a number than between Seven and Eight Hundred; hence every city has twenty or thirty Tyrants to lord it over the People. Such is a REPUBLIC !

Page 10. l. 6. *Our Guests to furnish with a Table.]*

The French General's Table consisted for some time of SIXTY COVERS : it has been found convenient *of late* to reduce that number of dishes to TWELVE.

Page 10. l. 24. — *or, we're all AROINTED !]* that is, desired to BE OFF, “ which is in the vulgar, abandon the “ country — which in the boorish is Dutchland — which “ in the common is Republic — which in the Convention “ dialect is Batavia — which together is, ABANDON THE “ BATAVIAN REPUBLIC : or we perish ; -- or, to our “ better understanding, die ; -- or, to wit, they kill us ; “ -- make us away ; -- translate our lives into death, -- “ our liberty into bondage ; -- deal in poison with us, or “ in bastinado, or in steel ; -- bandy with us in faction ; -- “ over-run us with policy ; -- and kill us a hundred and “ fifty ways ! ”

Shakespeare.

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"The best way — to lop off a head"

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"Let ev'ry Dutchman bring 'his Breeches,
And ev'ry Province give its Riches."

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Page 12. l. 3. *These Representatives of France*

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It may be worth remarking, that the present is not the *first* instance of French attachment to the Dutch Provinces. In 1672 Louis XIV, after capturing this City (Utrecht) and levying heavy contributions upon the Inhabitants, was so pleased with the place and country around it, that he kept his court there ^{for} ~~near~~ twelve months. The Dutch did not, however, seem equally pleased with his company; for they had once made a resolution to abandon the Province, and transport themselves and ^{their} ~~their~~ effects to the East Indies.

— "happily, how to cut a caper" —



“Who knows — WHAT we may learn of FRANCE —

“What we may do *without* our Coats,

“And when we’re perfect *Sans-culottes*?”

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PROOFS and CONFIRMATIONS.

**EQUALITY, UNITY, LIBERTY,
INDIVISIBILITY, FRATERNITY.**

**PROCLAMATION of the FRENCH COMMISSIONERS,
7 Pluviose, the 3rd year of the French Republic
*One and Indivisible.***

The Representatives of the People belonging to the Armies of the North; of the Sambre, and of the Meuse taking into their consideration the wants of the Army of the Republic, and the necessity of supplying it with the objects of subsistence supplies of provision and clothing, of which it has occasion, in the countries wherein it is established; wishing to avoid the means of particular Requisitions, and the intervention of subaltern agents; they think it most agreeable to address themselves to the States General, and formally invite them, to supply them in the space of one month with the following quantities, viz.

Two hundred thousand Quintals of Wheat,
Five millions of Rations of Hay.
Two hundred thousand Rations of Straw.
Five millions bushels of Corn,

One.

One hundred and fifty thousand pair of Shoes.
Twenty thousand pair of Boots.
Forty thousand Coats and Waistcoats.
Forty thousand pair of Breeches.
One hundred and fifty thousand pair of Pantaloon.
Two hundred thousand Shirts.
Fifty thousand Hats.

To be delivered further within two Months twelve thousand Oxen.

The different objects are to be delivered at Thiel, Nimègue, and Bois-le-duc at three different times.

The representatives of the People anxiously expect, that the States General will comply with the above request, and do every thing in their power to prevent their fellow citizens from being troubled with the force of a Requisition, always perplexing to the inhabitants, and that they will use every exertion to complete their contingent. They hope that the slow form of ordinary administration, and the doubts of the competence of their authority, which may put some stoppage to this operation, will be carefully set aside. They have a right to flatter themselves that all the citizens of the United States, and all the Constituted Authorities, will use the fairest zeal to second their views and amicable intentions. Every necessary measure shall be taken to settle for the payment of the above articles.

N. HAUSMAN. JOSEPH ALOUIER.
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